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PART III

State Transport Authority

PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGIONAL TRANSPORT AUTHORITY, ERNAKULAM HELD ON 20-5-2014

Present. 1. Sri M. G. Rajamanickam I A S, District Collector & Chairman, RTA Ernakulam.

2. Sri S. Sateesh Bino IPS, District Police Chief, Ernakulam (Rural) & Member RTA, Ernakulam.

3. Sri P. A. Sainudheen, Deputy Transport Commissioner (Law) Central Zone 11, Ernakulam & Member, RTA Ernakulam.

Item No. 196 G/4273/2013/E

Agenda.—1. To peruse the direction of the Transport Commissioner for insisting the Uniform and Name Badge for the crews in stage carriage and the matter regarding the fitment of Pneumatic doors in stage carriages.

Ref.— 1. Action initiated to reduce accidents involving Stage Carriage (especially falling of passengers from open doors).

- Complaint against the conductors and crews of buses on unhealthy Interference with passengers and non wearing of uniform and badge by the representative of Hon'ble Minister for State Mr. K.V. Thomas and MLA Loudy Louise in the DDC meeting held on May, 2013.
- Report from Field Officer of this office.
- Decision of RTA vide Item No.113, dtd. 16-7-2013
- Decision of the meeting of DDC, Ernakulam.

Order No. G/4273/2013/E dtd. 20-5-2014

Heard; The stage carriage operators and learned counsels represented for them and KSRTC. This is a matter in connection with the implementation of uniform and badge for the conductors of stage carriages and uniform for the door checkers as stipulated in the Rules 85 and 153(B) of KMV Rules, 1989 and the fitment of door shutters and pneumatic doors in stage carriages.

This authority in its earlier sitting held on 16-7-2013 considered the matter and adjourned decision for want of detailed discussion as requested by the representatives of private bus operators.

Now the matters are again came for the consideration of this authority in view of the series of accidents are being happened recently due to the lack of fitment of door shutters in stage carriages including in city services.

The Rule 85 of KMV Rules stipulates that every conductor on a stage carriage shall while on duty be cleanly dressed in the uniform specified by the Transport Commissioner. Similarly the rule 153 (C) of KMV Rules, 1989 stipulates that any person other than the conductor and driver employed in a stage carriage shall while on duty wear the uniform and name badge as specified by the Transport Commissioner. Vide Order No. C1/2506/TC/ 2002 dtd. 10-11-2012, the Transport Commissioner insists that every conductor and door checker in stage carriages shall while on duty wear the uniform and name badge as prescribed by him. The recent meeting of the DDC, Ernakulam has strongly requested to implement the above direction with immediate effect.

In view of the above directions, every conductor and door checkers in stage carriages are hereby directed to wear the uniform and name badge while on duty as prescribed by the Transport Commissioner Under Rules 85 and 153 © of KMV Rule 1989 with immediate effect. This violation will be treated as violation of permit condition.

The Secretary, RTA is directed to bring the matter to the notice of all associations of the bus operators and KSRTC and give necessary direction to implement the above decision without fail. Secretary RTA is also directed to ensure the strict compliance of above decision.

This authority considered the matter of fitment of pneumatic doors in stage carriages. Lack of such doors (even manually operated doors) number of accidents are being happened on our roads. So many stage carriages including city services are being operated without door shutters and door checkers. Due to the above negligence, accidents are being increased on every day causing death of innocent passengers. Presence of attendants at the entrance and exits of such vehicles is desirable as an immediate measure for preventing such accidents.

Hence for considering the safety of the travelling public, all stage carriage operators permitted to operate service on all roads of Kerala state with permits granted by RTA, Ernakulam shall provide door shutters at the entrance and exit of their stage carriages and provide door checkers for operating the door manually with effect from 1st day of September 2014. If there is no door checker/ attendant, the stage carriage shall be provided with pneumatic/hydraulic doors controlled by the driver of the vehicle. This will applicable also in the case of stage carriages with City/Town permits with effect from 1st September 2014. Secretary RTA is directed to ensure the strict compliance to the above direction.

(Sd.)
Secretary, RTA Ernakulam.